

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 23-25 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-7, 9-22 and 26-28 are presented for examination.

Claims 1-7 and 11-22 are rejected on the grounds of provisional double patenting with Application No.10/865,473.

In order to obviate the provisional double patenting rejection, Claim 1 has been amended so that it no longer recites "a vented water tank" and instead recites "preheatable heat sink means substantially disposed beneath said washing chamber for heating water passing therethrough on the fly." References to the tank and its function throughout Claims 1, 10, 11 and 22 have been appropriately replaced by references to the heat sink means and its function. For support, see Application page 21, lines 17-25. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the provisional double patenting rejection has been overcome.

Original Claims 9 and 10 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the allowability of amended Claim 1 for the reasons indicated above, it is believed that this objection is no longer viable.

New Claims 26-28 are essentially allowable Claims 8-10, respectively, rewritten in independent form, based upon original Claim 1.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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